

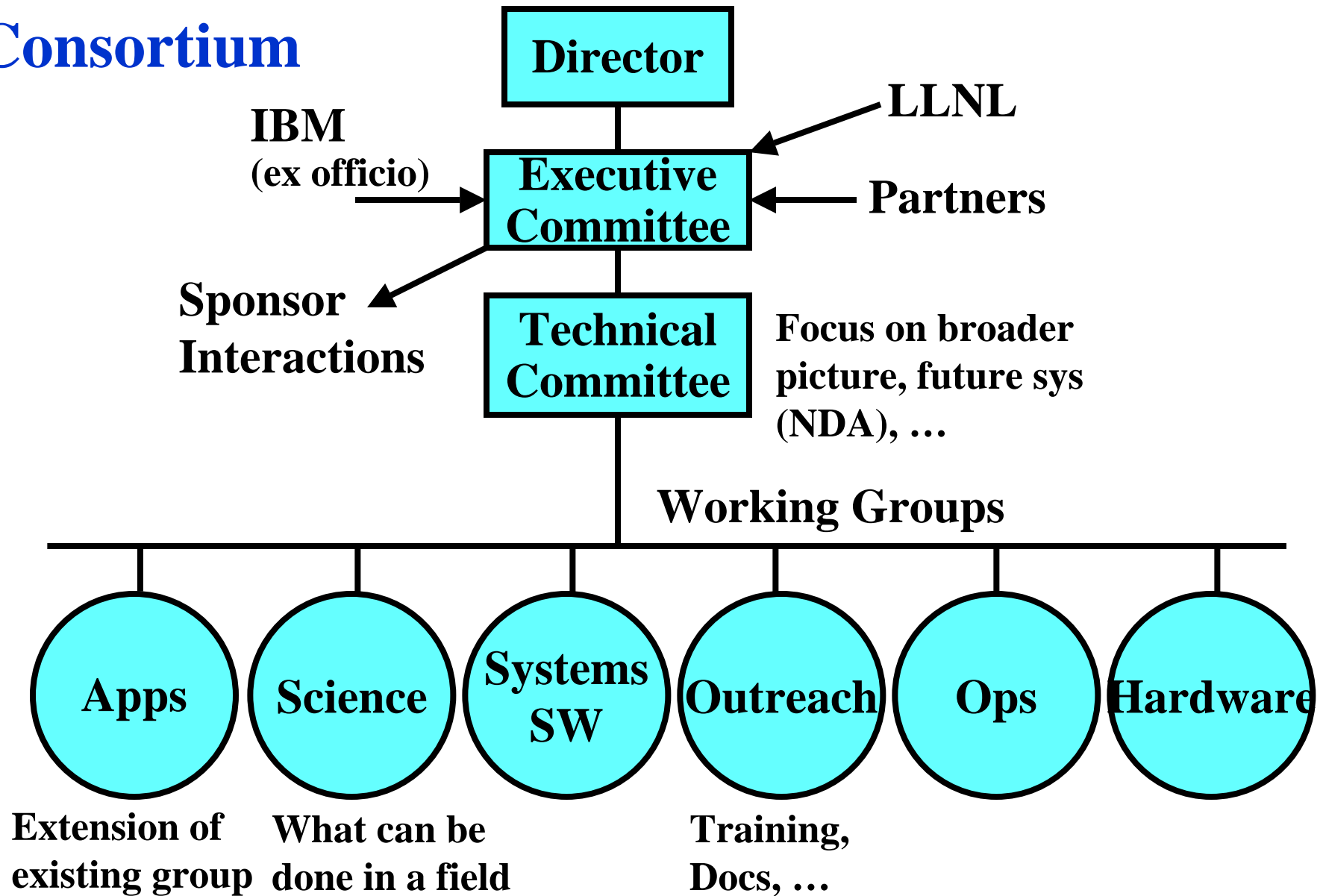
Management, Governance and Development

1. What management structure would be most appropriate for the consortium, Executive Council, working groups, ...
2. What are the key elements of an outreach strategy for the consortium?
3. Are there funding opportunities for joint projects involving consortium members?
4. How can we best structure interactions with agencies in support of evaluation and deployment of BG systems?

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5. How should the consortium organize itself to discuss and make decisions about issues regarding BG roadmap to petaflops?
6. What opportunities are there to coordinate US BG activities with international efforts related to BG?
7. What workshops should the consortium host, e.g., site preparation, software, apps, porting, systems management?
8. How can we best engage Computer Science departments?
9. Is it critical to have the opportunity to acquire a personal version of BG for development?

Blue Gene Consortium



Discussion Notes

- Consortium could accomplish things that could not be done solely within IBM
- IBM very interested in getting good feedback
- Present coherent requests to IBM
- Discover what are the right things to use BG for
- May be 3 large BG facilities: LLNL, ANL, Watson (22 racks). How to provide access to Watson? Could use consortium input. Also sponsor input.
- Consider how we will reach into the groups that are currently buying a cluster (with BG they would have access to a SC). However, risk of early adopter BG may be more appropriate for CS startup grants than domain S&E startups.
- Perfectly OK to self organize a group of people to buy a rack.
- Working groups populated by interest (PTA model)
- A key consortium purpose is to enable our cost-development-support model. Potential for a symbiotic relationship with IBM.
- Currently have lightweight standards approach (IBM supplied SW, MPI, ...)
- Consortium can be international (keeping in mind export restrictions)
- Opportunities to establish the consortium culture, e.g., open source, standards
- Personal BG would help engage CS departments
- How the working groups would come together
 - Need charter/mission for each group
 - Key to have WG leaders with time to devote
- Pay attention to funding cycles when planning consortium activities